All efforts are being made to enlist the cooperation of the people in tackling the situation both to contain and isolate the militants. Towards this end, instructions have also been given to ensure that the operations are targetted and intelligence based, and the scope for harm to civilians life and property minimised. Actions is also being taken to activate the local administration and to make it more accountable and responsive; step up the pace of development; and to create employment opportunities, with a view to bringing up people into the mainstream. Minister of State (Internal Security) has been visiting the State regularly to reviw all these efforts.

Recently, Union Home Minister also visited the State on 17 November. Further efforts are being made to identify and activise the political elements in the State, who are willing to move towards the ending of violence and restoration of normalcy and the political process.

Action Against persons responsible for Bombay Blasts

1725. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in locating the whereabout of the persons involved in Bombay blasts and who escaped to other countries;

(b) the action being taken to bring them back in the country; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Out of the 189 persons found responsible and charge-sheeted in connection with the Bombay bomb blast incidents, 145 have been arrested and the remaining 44 are absconding. Out of these 44 absconding accused 24 are reported to be abroad. There is not authentic information about the present whereabouts of these persons. Red corner notices have been got issued and circulated through Interpol for 23 of these persons so far who include Dawood Ibrahim, his brother Anis Ibrahim and members of the Memon family. There has not been any delay in the matter.

1726. *[Transferred to 24th Dec., 1993.]*

Monitoring of Lottery Business

1727. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the prevailing corruption in floating of a number of lotteries in various States besides allowing private parties to organise the draw and sell tickets in contravention of the Supreme Court Judgement;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the desirability of setting up a nodal central agency to monitor the lottery business; and

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Complaints about malpractices in running lotteries are received from time to time. These are sent to the concerned State Governments, as it is within their purview to take action on malpractices and complaints relating to lotteries.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Keeping in view the malpractices reported, the Central Government has, from time to time, issued guidelines to the States to curb these malpractices.

Trouble by Infilitrators in South Bengal Towns

1728. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press-reports to the effect that groups of people after

having infiltrated from across the border are creating terror in Midnapore and Kharagpore towns in South Bengal;

(b) whether it is a fact that no action is being taken against these persons;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to hold an enquiry into such incidents; and

(d) what other steps Government have taken or propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Number of Militants Arrested from Kashmir Valey Borders

1729. DR. SANJAYASINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of militants arrested during the last two years from the Kashmir Valley border;

(b) what are the the details of arms and ammunition seized from them;

(c) how many of them belong to Pakistan and what action has been taken against them; and

(d) whether Government have taken any decision to seal the Pakistan border with barbed wire so as to prevent the infiltration from Pakistan; and if so, the details thereof and if not, what other steps are proposed to be taken to check the infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) During 1992 and 1993 (upto 8.12.93), 119 militants were apprehended along the Kashmir Valley border.

(b) The following arms an ammunition were recovered in the relate operations:

UMG	2
AK rifles	29
RPG	1
Pistols	17

(c) 26 persons out of the apprehende militants belong to Pakistan. All thes militants were handed over to th Government of J&K from initiatin action against them as per law.

(d) In view of the difficult terrain, it i not possible to fully seal the entire borde in the State. However, efforts are bein made through stepped up patrolling an surveillance to check infiltration.

ISI Aid to Militants in India

1730. SHRI AHMEI MOHAMEDBHAI PATEL: Will th Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleasec to state:

(a) whether Pakistan's ISI which i actively engaged in subversive activities ir the border States, has five units in its se up for aiding militants in India;

(b) if so, whether the five units concerned with anti-Indian operations are JIM, JIN, JISB, JIB and JIF;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined these reports; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to cut the transport of ISI agents to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) It is fact that several intelligence agencies of Pakistan, including Inter Services Intelligence have established intelligence units along the Indo-Pak border. These units are tasked to carry out espionage, subversion and sabotage against India. All the Central and State security agencies have been sensitised. The